

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 890 - SB 854**

March 17, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Tennessee Highway Patrol, county sheriffs, and police departments to have a written policy regarding the investigation of officer-involved deaths that involve a law enforcement officer employed by the law enforcement agency. Any such policy shall require an investigation by at least two disinterested investigators. Prohibits the investigators from being employed by the law enforcement entity involved. Specifies procedures for when an officer-involved death is traffic related. Authorizes law enforcement agencies to form agreements for the purpose of compensating investigators for participation in an investigation. Requires investigators to provide a report about the officer-involved death to the applicable county district attorney for the purpose of determining whether there is basis to prosecute the law enforcement officer involved in the officer-related death and for making the report open for inspection by the public unless otherwise prohibited.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$161,000/One-Time  
\$18,800/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the Department of Safety (DOS), the Tennessee Highway Patrol will have to dedicate four troopers to crash reconstruction and pay each of these four troopers an additional two-step differential pay of \$391 a month.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures for the four troopers is estimated to be \$18,768 (\$391 x 4 troopers x 12 months).
- The DOS also reports additional training and equipment costs will be required. Based on information provided by DOS, the one-time increase in state expenditures for training and equipment is estimated to be \$160,976, consisting of \$3,100 for training and \$157,876 for equipment.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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